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In re application of: **Kouichirou MAEDA et al.**

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(§371 international application No. PCT/JP00/04752)

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For: **BINDER COMPOSITION FOR LITHIUM ION SECONDARY BATTERY  
ELECTRODES AND USE THEREOF**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 14, 2002

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims as follows:

3. (Amended) The binder composition according to claim 1, wherein the polar monomer is at least one monomer selected from the group consisting of cyano group-containing monoethylenically unsaturated monomers, alkyl acrylate and alkyl methacrylate monomers, the alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms and having at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of a hydroxyl group, an amino group and alkylamino groups, and ethylenically unsaturated monocarboxylic acids.